

AN ACT

relating to administrative completeness requirements for permit and permit amendment applications for groundwater conservation districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 36.113(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A district may require that only the following be included in the permit or permit amendment application, as applicable under the rules of the district:

(1) the name and mailing address of the applicant and the owner of the land on which the well will be located;

(2) if the applicant is other than the owner of the property, documentation establishing the applicable authority to construct and operate a well for the proposed use;

(3) a statement of the nature and purpose of the proposed use and the amount of water to be used for each purpose;

(4) a water conservation plan or a declaration that the applicant will comply with the district's management plan;

(5) the location of each well and the estimated rate at which water will be withdrawn;

(6) a water well closure plan or a declaration that the applicant will comply with well plugging guidelines and report closure to the commission; [~~and~~]

1 (7) a drought contingency plan; and

2 (8) other information:

3 (A) included in a rule of the district in effect
4 on the date the application is submitted that specifies what
5 information must be included in an application for a determination
6 of administrative completeness; and

7 (B) reasonably related to an issue that a
8 district by law is authorized to consider.

9 SECTION 2. Section 36.114(h), Water Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (h) An application is administratively complete if it
12 contains the [application requires] information set forth under [in
13 accordance with] Sections 36.113 and 36.1131. A district shall not
14 require that additional information be included in an application
15 for a determination of administrative completeness.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1009 passed the Senate on March 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1009 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor